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Hi Cindy and Mark

Our responses to SCOPA are due August 31st. See attached for letter and details.

I think both recommendations fall under our lead. Mark can you please do a first draft --I can put a regroup in the calendar in June when Cindy gets back.

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Hi Patrick and Sarah,

Please find a memo from the clerk of the committee attached which requests that we provide a written response to the SCOPA recommendations by August 31, 2018.

Regards,

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Hi all,

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) has tabled their review of Chapter 2, Public Accounts of the Province, of the Auditor General's 2017 Annual Report. It is attached here and available [online](#).

The Committee's report provides two recommendations:

1. Government accounting practices, and those of its agencies, that affect the consolidated

financial statements of the Province, must be carried out in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.

2. The Office of the Controller for the Province of Ontario should provide copies of all terms of reference to the Auditor General's Office when they engage private sector firms for accounting advice or opinions.

Like the Committee's recent report on government advertising, this report includes a dissenting opinion from members of the PC party (beginning on page 5).

The dissenting opinion includes the following:

Recommendations that should have been approved for inclusion in the final report to address these issues, but are not, include:

- Requiring that all subordinate entities of the legislature whose financial statements impact the consolidated financial statement require approval from the Auditor General on the appointment of their auditor;
- Requiring that any subordinate body of the legislature that employs the same firm to both provide accounting advice and to be their auditor, seek approval to do so from the Auditor General, and;
- That the Office of the Controller for the Province of Ontario should provide copies of all terms of reference to the Auditor General's office when other ministries or government agencies engage private sector firms for accounting advice or opinions.

Best,

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